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Applicant(s) : Jay H. Connelly

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For : An Apparatus and Method for a Dynamic Electronic Program Guide Enabling Billing Broadcast Services Per EPG Line Item

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A request for a two (2) month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also being submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification at least on page 9, paragraph 0034.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be

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provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.